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SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF GUINEA BISSAU

1. THE FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE WAS CIRCULATED IN OTTAWA
AUGUST 26 ON THE GOC ANNOUNCEMENT OF RECOGNITION OF
GUINEA BISSAU:

QUOTE: THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,
THE HONOURABLE ALLAN J. MACEACHEN, ANNOUNCED AUGUST 12
THAT CANADA HAS RECOGNIZED THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA
BISSAU AND THAT CANADA WOULD IN DUE COURSE ENTER INTO
DISCUSSIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS WITH THIS NEW STATE.

IN MAKING THE ANNOUNCEMENT, THE MINISTER CONGRATU-
LATED THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT AND THE PAIGC ON
THEIR SUCCESS IN REACHING AN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE
WHICH WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE SOLUTION OF A SITUATION
WHICH HAS BEEN OF GREAT INTERNATIONAL CONCERN. THE
AGREEMENT GIVES SUBSTANCE TO THE MANY STATEMENTS THE
PORTUGUES GOVERNMENT HAS MADE REGARDING THE RECOG-
NITION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE POPULATIONS OF ITS
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AFRICAN TERRITORIES TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDE-

PENDENCE AND ENCOURAGES THE HOPE THAT THE PROBLEMS
OF MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA WILL ALSO BE RESOLVED IN THE
NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE. CANADA HAS ON MANY OCCASIONS MADE
ITS VIEWS KNOWN ON THESE QUESTIONS AND STRONGLY SUPPORTS
THE POLICIES OF DECOLONIZATION WHICH THE NEW PORTU-
GUESE GOVERNMENT HAS EXPRESSED AND NOW IS PUTTING
INTO EFFECT. END QUOTE.
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